

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 4, 2015

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 4, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April 20th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker reported that Jim Cowan would accept the appointment to District 10 Planning Council that meets once a month in Muncie. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the appointment. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kemker received a quote from W.W. Williams for \$579.89 to provide annual service to the Courthouse generator. Since the Jail uses the same company, Kemker was instructed to attain a quote for both generators so the amount could be budgeted for next year.

AREA PLAN

Area Plan Director Rhea Dawn Buckley reported that the fees being paid to the plan consultant are draining her budget. Commissioner Levi stated that he will speak to the consultant to limit the time dedicated to Rush County.

Buckley also shared that the city has been issuing building permits and have been collecting fees for projects within the city limits. Attorney Leigh Morning stated that the city is required to have their own board in order to perform the duties of director.

A public meeting will be held on May 7th at 7:30 to consider a special exception for Flat Rock Wind. Steven Cain was appointed as a temporary replacement for Lois Hatfield who had a conflict of interest. Paul Wilkinson moved to make the appointment. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The part time assistant has submitted her resignation. Permission to fill the part time vacancy was granted on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson director of Ride Rush Public Transportation submitted the Indiana Department of Transportation Contract Invoice for the first quarter of 2015. Mark Bacon moved to sign the quarterly report. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Henderson also requested a public hearing on June 1st to consider a grant application for a new vehicle for Ride Rush.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend reported that “Clean Green Rush” will celebrate Arbor Day by distributing 1,000 trees on Saturday, May 9th. The event will take place at the Amphitheater along with the Mayor’s 5K run and Rush to Health.

ECDC

John McCane Executive Director of the ECDC asked for assistance in distributing the Hometown Collaboration Survey to all county employees. The survey contains questions on Quality of Life, Economy, Leadership, and Community Participation. The auditor was instructed to distribute the survey through the county employee e-mail list. A Community Forum will be held on May 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Rush County Schools administration building.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 30. There is currently 502 outstanding arrest warrants and dispatch answered 448 calls last week. The deputies logged 7,121 miles responding to 2 property damage accidents and 3 personal injury calls.

The new repeater that was recently installed is not working, so the old repeater was reinstalled until the problem can be detected. Cowan also noted that the antenna is showing some wear and should be replaced at a later date.

An inspection by the bed bug dog is scheduled for next week.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested that Ordinance 2014-5 executing a 25 mph speed limit in the construction zone on Carthage Pike be repealed. Mark Bacon moved to repeal the ordinance and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following new temporary ordinance was then adopted on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Sitton submitted the monthly report for the Highway Department.

Mr. Sitton was instructed to complete the application for the underground tank located behind the jail. The tank will be removed at a cost of \$13,229.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Leigh Morning presented an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 1978-2 regulating peddling in the county. The ordinance was outdated and did not meet the criteria of the current Indiana statute. The Auditor explained that there were only one or two applicants a year and that surrounding counties did not issue Peddlers Licenses. Paul Wilkinson moved to repeal the ordinance and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Emergency Medical Service quarterly report for RMH
- An advance draw on property taxes in the amount of \$546,590 was received on April 29th due to a deficit in the general fund of \$100,000.

Mark Bacon moved to approve claims with the correction of a vendors name from Rushville Jeep to Accra Motors. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll claims were approved. Mark Bacon made the motion. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor